

BARBERRY BUSH MAY CAUSE GREAT LOSS IN GRAINS

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East Lansing, Mich., May 27.—Michigan faces a possible outbreak of black stem rust of wheat this summer such as that which destroyed about \$3,000,000 worth of wheat in 1916. Field men of M. A. C. are reporting that rust has been observed within the past few days in localities as widely separated as Bay City, Grand Rapids, Benton Harbor, Montcalm county and Lansing, and as far north as Iron Mountain, where several cases of infection have been found. The rust is making its first appearance upon the leaves of the common tall barberry, and from these shrubs is being scattered to grain fields.

"This widespread presence of rust on the common barberry means that our greatly increased acreage may be endangered if the barberry is not removed," says D. G. H. Coons, plant pathologist for the experiment station of M. A. C.

"Reports from our scouts show that the rust already is here. If two or three damp days should come, together with hot sultry weather, this rust will spread like wildfire over the grain fields, attacking oats, barley and rye as well as wheat."

"The most effective way to check this rust outbreak," says Dr. Coons, "is to get rid of every common, tall barberry bush in the state, of both the green leaf and the purple leaf varieties."

A state-wide campaign to eradicate these dangerous shrubs has been going on in Michigan for some time.

W. C. T. U.
Regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30, May 31, with Mrs. W. D. Pond, leader, Mrs. Coville, Mrs. Mark Brown will give her delegate's report of the Fifth district convention. By request Mrs. Coville will give her paper which she presented at Pomona Grange May 16. Visitors welcome.

Card of Thanks
Through the columns of the Banner-News I wish to thank my friends and neighbors, my mother and sisters for their flowers and the many kindnesses shown me during my recent illness. I also wish to thank the E. F. U. lodge and the Methodist Epworth League for their beautiful flowers.
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Truman H. Newberry is a candidate for United States Senator. He is an American in real earnest. His service in the Spanish-American War, his record as Secretary of the Navy under President Roosevelt, and his present work as a commander in the Third Naval District, which includes the port of New York and the Brooklyn navy yard, mark him as a FIGHTER and DOER, capable and courageous.

Michigan born, November 5, 1864, Michigan reared and devoted to all of Michigan's interests, with his record of service, and his active, positive loyalty to state and country, it is especially fitting that Truman Newberry be chosen to represent Michigan in the Senate of the United States.

When twelve years old, he was color-bearer in a Michigan Cadet organization which won fame at Philadelphia. He helped organize the Michigan Naval Brigade in 1895, enlisting as a private and serving as able seaman on the training ship "Yantic." He was an ensign in the Spanish-American War on the "Yosemite." As a commander, in the Third Naval District he will

continue to serve his country, standing for and by the government for the full prosecution of the war and leaving his campaign for Senator entirely in the hands of his friends. His two sons are enlisted in the country's service, too, one as a major in the army, the other as an ensign in the navy.

Truman Newberry is a worker. After he left college, he took hard knocks working with a construction gang on the old Detroit, Bay City & Alpena Railroad. He also sailed the Lakes and earned for himself a license as first-class pilot. HE IS A MAN'S MAN.

As Secretary of the Navy under President Roosevelt, he is credited with putting the navy in a state of preparedness, which has had much to do with its present efficiency.

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Don't Waste the Garden Seeds— Crowded Plants Won't Do So Well

People who buy more garden seeds than they need or sow seeds too thickly will be depriving some one else of seeds and may cause a scarcity, according to garden specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

It is easy to plant more seeds than is necessary when the assumption is that a few more or less will make no plants have to be thinned out or more often are left to crowd together and produce an inferior crop.

It is assumed that before purchasing the seeds the gardener plan has been carefully made and the actual amount required has been determined. If this is done, there will be no occasion for waste. The most successful market gardeners figure very closely upon the amount of seed required. They buy the best obtainable and then plant only the required number to the hill or row.

SWAT THE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER FLY

The house flies that you see in early spring are not the flies of the preceding autumn. They are the offspring, not the survivors of those that sought a warm refuge in the fall. The flies that appear in the spring quickly become reproductive by early summer the baby fly of a few weeks past will have become a patriarch with millions of great-grandchildren.

Therefore, swat early. The facts are presented by a United States Department of Agriculture scientist. His findings, based on long experiments, support the popular belief that a swat in the spring saves a lot of them later on. A fly thoroughly swatted when he is young and comparatively innocent not only will be unable to carry a disease, but will not have very many children.

Helping the Meat and Milk Supply

(Special Information Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)



WANTED: 200,000 BOYS TO RAISE PIGS!

Forty-Five Thousand Members of Pig Clubs—Junior Soldiers of the Commissary—Produced 10,000,000 Pounds of Dressed Pork Last Year

And Girls Can Have a Part in This Food-Producing, Money-Making Enterprise—Town-Grown Pigs Can Be Fed Largely on Table and Garden Wastes—Several Ways to Compete

Two hundred thousand boys and girls wanted to grow pork in pig clubs this year!

You can figure the contribution such a pig-raising army might make to the meat supply by what 45,000 members produced last year—approximately 10,000,000 pounds of dressed pork. That contribution means that the pig clubs have an important part in the "more meat" program and specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture, aided by State club leaders, are endeavoring to reach the 200,000 goal in membership this year.

The boys and girls are responding to the appeal of the State and Federal workers assigned to club work, and indications now are that the goal will be attained. Bankers are helping large numbers of worthy boys and girls to buy pigs and are finding it a

most successful enterprise. The note of a pig club member always can be rated as "gilt-edged" security, it is said.

The pig clubs are conducted cooperatively by the State extension forces and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Boys and girls who wish to join a club should consult their county agent or write to the Director of Extension at their State Agricultural College. The boys and girls are organized into clubs and suitable local leaders secured. The members are aided in securing pigs; given instruction in the proper care, feed and management of swine, and at the close of the season the members compete for prizes for the best work. These prizes usually are of an educational nature, such as a trip to the State fair or farmers' short course.

BOY, GIRL, JOIN A CLUB—RAISE A PIG!

Will you raise a pig for soldiers—boys and girls on the farms; and 'you, boys and girls in the suburbs who have space available? The United States Department of Agriculture is seeking to enroll 200,000 boys and girls in pig clubs this year—'Junior soldiers of the commissary.' If 45,000 members of pig clubs produced 10,000,000 pounds of dressed pork last year, how much pork will 200,000 members turn in to the national market in 1918? Every boy or girl who can do so should raise one or more pigs for Uncle Sam and thus furnish the meat supply for a soldier. Ask your county agricultural agent about this opportunity or write to the director of extension at your State agricultural college.

Besides the direct increase in the meat supply from the club members' pigs, the patriotic spirit which the members universally show is inspiring thousands of farmers to increase their production where other appeals have failed. When the war is won and an accounting is made, as is bound to come, no less can be said of such children of this country than "they did their share."

Care the Brood Sow Needs

Do not confine the sow in her farrowing pen more than forty-eight hours before farrowing time if it is possible to avoid doing so. Reduce the heavy feed to some extent, probably about half, for that length of time. The farrowing house or pen should be comfortably warm, well ventilated, and well lighted. Above all else, it should be well bedded. Do not allow any circulation of air under the floor. Too many hog growers make the mistake of bedding too lightly. Heavy bedding naturally makes the sow comfortable and warm—conditions necessary if she is to be quiet. Use wheat or rye straw. Wild hay is good, as is millet. Do not use oat straw unless there is nothing else at hand.

HIS PIG AND HIS CORN—A BOY'S SERIOUS WAR WORK

Here is a letter to the United States Department of Agriculture from a serious Oklahoma boy of ten who is doing his level best to help America's food supply. He is doing it as a member of the Pig Club, a war work organization for boys and girls, and because of the stimulating spirit of his philosophy the letter is printed here in full:

Well, I shall tell you about my pig. It is looking pretty drowsy since I have been feeding it digester ketchup. It looks like it were fixing for a trip. It carries its tail curled, and wags as proud as if it were expecting to see town. Now I shall not disappoint him. I shall carry him to Belling to our section in 1918. I tell him I don't know whether he will get to ride on the train or not, but for him to eat all I give him and I will do my best to get a ride on the train for him. He carries his fat nicely and wags up to his mouth like a little boy and eats all he can. I feed him corn, oats and timothy, and the wags from my father's table since my digester ketchup gave out. He seems to think it is good. The fattest thing is to see him eat and look at me and grunt as if to say "Keep it up, you are so good to me—everything furnished. All I have to do is to walk up and eat." He does not realize that soon some one else shall eat him. Of course I must be funny to me and I am both to think of that grand trip I am taking up for the poor pig. He is doing his best. I tell him if he doesn't get to ride on the train to the great Oklahoma City, he shall go to Belling anyway.

Now if he will eat as he is now I shall never be sorry about feeding him, for he shall help me a comfort for my mother and little brother at home; besides I enjoy his being here. While I am a member of the Pig Club I tell him he must not let me get beat, for this is my first effort to do anything in the club work. But he is true. If I get beat I shall keep trying. My two older brothers own valuable prize last year in the corn and cotton clubs. I shall keep trying. I feel sure I can win something some day. I have one ear of corn this year, one ear in the field and one in the house, and I am preserving my exhibit, also my seed corn and corn for another year and shall send in my report and away when the time comes.

The children help out in my kitchen, and the drought came on my corn, but mother says I must be patient. She says those that have no misfortune die of young age. I have always found my mother true and I shall be patient until I get through. I am 10 years old and can always find work to do.

EARL
Garland, Oklahoma.

SOCIAL SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVES POINTERS ON VICE

FIRST STEP AGAINST ELIMINATION OF ORGANIZED VICE SHOULD BEGIN IN HOME.

HEALTH BOARD READY TO ACT

Parents Are the Ones Who Must Assume Responsibility for the Ideals and Morals of their Children.

Lansing, Mich.—Miss Catherine Ostrander, director of the social service department for the state board of health, believes that the first step in the campaign against organized vice and the elimination of venereal diseases, should begin in the home.

Miss Ostrander, for several years was connected with Hull House in Chicago and had two years experience as police woman in Dayton.

"There are a few very evident facts that all women hesitate to acknowledge. We all know them directly or indirectly, however, and we are becoming yearly more ready to admit them and assume our just share of the responsibility in meeting them and overcoming their long line of hideous consequences," said Miss Ostrander.

"The greatest of these age old monsters is prostitution. It crept into our social life so long ago that no one knows when or how. We do know that today it exists in every country and among all sorts and conditions of men and must be reckoned with. It furnishes the world with more filthy and hideous diseases than all other sources combined. It gives us most of our blind and deformed children, our feeble-minded men and women and our drunkards. It furnishes the market where innocent girls and boys are bought and sold to satisfy the lusts of mankind. It makes necessary more asylums and institutions than all other causes combined.

"With prostitution goes every form of mental, physical and moral degeneracy, all of which are taking tax money out of the pockets of honest citizens to support and maintain. The prostitutes, of which there are many more men than women, are children grown up. They have all had mothers and fathers. They were all as innocent as the children you see every day on the streets of your town. They are the unfortunate ones who came under the social conditions which we as citizens allow to exist all about us and they were too ignorant and too weak to make the fight.

"Someone asked me where the fight against prostitution should begin. The answer is, in your own home. Prepare your own girl and boy to make the fight. In spite of your devotion and watchfulness, they will be subjected to the same conditions and temptations as every other girl and boy. The only protection any child has against the temptations of life is from within himself. You parents are the ones who must assume the responsibility for the ideals and for the morale of your children.

Our Debt to Society.

"We, as individuals, are perhaps more alive to our responsibility towards society just now than at any time for many years because of conditions surrounding the encampments. The boys in those encampments are our sons and husbands and brothers. The women who prey upon them and the men who corrupt them are hurting our own. It is no longer an impersonal condition existing somewhere, it is here. It touches us directly. Our sons are their victims and our daughters the wives of those victims. Their blind or feeble-minded children will be our children and our grandchildren.

"These are not pretty truths. There are no soft words to describe these things. They are the truth, however, and they describe conditions very close to our homes. What will you do about it?

"The State Board of Health has undertaken to treat all cases of venereal diseases and so protect the helpless disease apprehended at the cantonments or at any other place in the state, both men and women.

"The Social Service Department of the State Board of Health has been instituted to organize the rehabilitation work which is necessary before any considerable number of patients can be returned to society with a desire for a normal life. Many most efficient organizations and individuals throughout the state have already offered their co-operation in furthering this work. Plans have been perfected to have each patient given a mental examination during hospital confinement to help determine their final disposition. Those who are pronounced feeble-minded will be placed in institutions for permanent detention.

Problem Belongs to All Classes.

"The problem belongs to all classes and therefore all classes must work together to solve it. Assume your full share of this responsibility now. Protect your own children. Not by keeping them tied to your apron strings but by giving them the knowledge and moral strength to fight their own battles. They will have their hardest struggles when you are not there to protect them.

"The Social Service Department of the State Board of Health is ready to help you in every possible way but cannot do your work for you. The best results can only be obtained by all of us working together all the time. We are ready—are you?"

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